

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

ROTHSCHILD CONNECTED DEVICES
INNOVATIONS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

VS.

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.,
and HONDA OF AMERICA MFG., INC.,

Defendants.

Case No:

PATENT CASE

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Rothschild Connected Devices Innovations, LLC (“Plaintiff” or “RCDI”) files this Complaint against American Honda Motor Co., Inc. and Honda Of America Mfg., Inc. (collectively, “Defendants” or “Honda”) for infringement of United States Patent No. 8,788,090 (hereinafter “the ‘090 Patent”).

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1. This is an action for patent infringement under Title 35 of the United States Code. Plaintiff is seeking injunctive relief as well as damages.

2. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 (Federal Question) and 1338(a) (Patents) because this is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the United States patent statutes.

3. Plaintiff is a Texas limited liability company with its principal office located at 1400 Preston Road, Suite 400, Plano, Texas 75093.

4. On information and belief, American Honda Motor Co., Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of California, with its principal place of business located

at 1919 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, California 90501-2722. On information and belief, it can be served with process in Texas through its registered agent, CT Corp System, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201- 3136.

5. On information and belief, Honda of America Mfg., Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Ohio, with its principal place of business located at 24000 Honda Parkway, Marysville, Ohio 43040. On information and belief, it can be served with process through its registered agent, Statutory Agent Corp., 52 E Gay St., Columbus Ohio 43215-3108.

6. On information and belief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants have committed, and continue to commit, acts of infringement in the state of Texas, have conducted business in the state of Texas, and/or have engaged in continuous and systematic activities in the state of Texas.

7. On information and belief, Defendants' instrumentalities that are alleged herein to infringe were and continue to be used, imported, offered for sale, and/or sold in the Eastern District of Texas.

VENUE

8. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Texas pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b) because Defendants are deemed to reside in this district. In addition, and in the alternative, Defendants have committed acts of infringement in this District.

COUNT I **(INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 8,788,090)**

9. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 8 herein by reference.

10. This cause of action arises under the patent laws of the United States and, in particular, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, *et seq.*

11. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the '090 patent with sole rights to enforce the '090 patent and sue infringers.

12. A copy of the '090 Patent, titled "System and Method for Creating a Personalized Consumer Product," is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

13. The '090 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

14. Upon information and belief, Defendants have infringed and continue to infringe one or more claims, including at least claim 1, of the '090 patent by making, using, importing, selling, and/or offering for sale a customizable system to remotely control available automobile functions covered by one or more claims of the '090 patent. Defendants have infringed and continue to infringe the '090 patent either directly or through acts of contributory infringement or inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

15. Defendants sell, offer to sell, and/or use systems, including, without limitation, the HondaLink EV system and HondaLink EV app, and related connectable components, which may operate in connection with these systems, which infringe at least Claim 1 of the '090 Patent. These systems and components allow a user to remotely customize the operation of various functions in a car, such as heating and ventilation, charging, accessing roadside assistance, and the like. The user can set preferences through the use of an app which may reside, for example, on a smart phone. Through a login process, a remote server receives the identity of the vehicle and the identity of a user, retrieves the user's preferences, and transmits those preferences to a communication module within the vehicle.

16. Defendants' actions complained of herein will continue unless Defendants are enjoined by this court.

17. Defendants' actions complained of herein are causing irreparable harm and monetary damage to Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless and until Defendants are enjoined and restrained by this Court.

18. Plaintiff is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks the Court to:

- (a) Enter judgment for Plaintiff on this Complaint on all causes of action asserted herein;
- (b) Enter an Order enjoining Defendants, their agents, officers, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receive notice of the order from further infringement of United States Patent No. 8,788,090 (or, in the alternative, awarding Plaintiff a running royalty from the time of judgment going forward);
- (c) Award Plaintiff damages resulting from Defendants' infringement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- (d) Award Plaintiff pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs; and
- (e) Award Plaintiff such further relief to which the Court finds Plaintiff entitled under law or equity.

Dated: November 25, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A